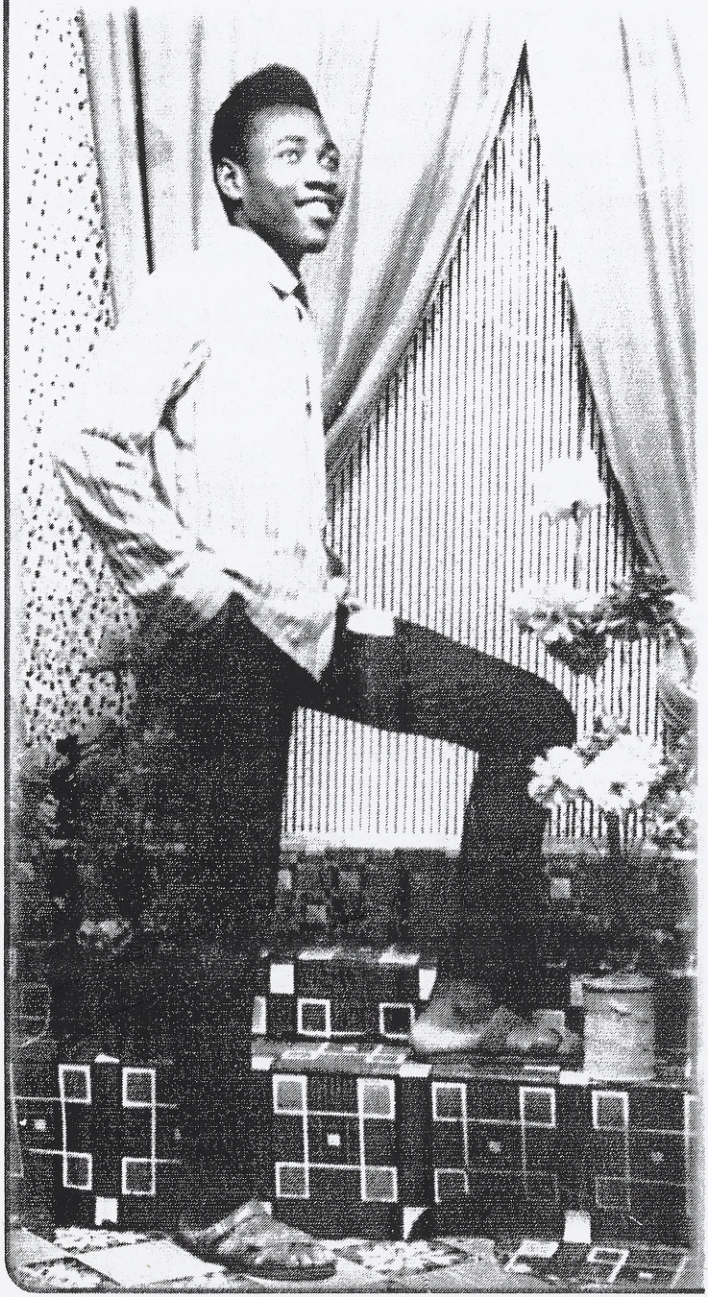
Homegoing Celebration for

Joseph Nii Kpakpa Quartey



EMBRACED LIFE ON EARTH:
June 15, 1950

EMBRACED LIFE IN HEAVEN:
July 20, 2006

Services Held:

Saturday, July 29, 2006
11:00 A.M.

Church of the Good Shepherd
3200 Harbor Street
Pittsburg, California 94565

Remembering Our Beloved

Joseph Nii Kpakpa Quartey was born the only son of Helena Baddoo and Reverend Prophet James Nii Kwatei-Boi Quartey in Accra, Ghana, West Africa on June 15, 1950. In February 1971, he accepted an academic scholarship to attend Texas College in Tyler, Texas where he met the young woman who would later become his wife and the mother of his five children, Debra Ann Thomas.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, uniting with International Pentecostal Church, Pittsburg, CA, and was baptized as a public confession of his faith in Christ by Pastor Paa Kwesi Aidoo.

He was a generous and caring man who was loved by many across the world. Joe lived a full life that was filled with love, laughter, and good times. He was the life of the party and provided humor everywhere he went.

Joe worked as a Quality Control Chemist for Chevron Corporation for 25 years and will be missed by his Chevron family. He was a strong foundation for many who were blessed to be a part of his life, including the members of International Pentecostal Church, where by which he rededicated his life to the Lord.

He leaves behind to cherish his precious and loving memory: his wife, Debra of 34 years: their five extraordinary sons: David Kwatei Quartey and wife Eileen in Sacramento, John Nii Quatu Quaye Quartey II living abroad, Joseph Nii Kpakpa Quartey, Jr. in New York, Nii Quartelai Quartey in Los Angeles, and was preceded in death by his son, James Nii Kwatei Boi Quartey II.

He also leaves behind: his loving mother, Helena Baddoo; his sister, Joyce Naa Kwaley Quartey in Ghana; Uncle D.F. Allotey-Baddoo; cousin, George Kingsley Baddoo and wife, Elizabeth; mother-in-law, Addie Mae Thomas; sisters-in-law, Yvonne Stewart, Lahoma Tugbenyoh and her husband Paul, and family; special son, Francis Allotey and his wife Comfort; godmother, Emma Clark; six precious grandchildren; his devoted dog "Nacho", and a host of other family members and friends.

His six precious grandchildren dearly loved Grandpa Joe. They will surely miss being serenaded by Grandpa over the phone. Joe has touched all of our lives and he will be sorely missed, but we will carry remarkable memories and share endless stories for years to come.

The Order of Service

OFFICIATING:
Bishop Raymond Dorrough ✝ Reverend Dr. Godfrey Nunoo
Pastor Paa Kwesi Aidoo

Eulogist ..... Pastor Paa Kwesi Aidoo

Scripture Readings ..... Reverend Dr. Godfrey Nunoo

Prayer ..... Helena Martey

Musical Selection ..... "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" ..... Sister Bertha Robinson

Acknowledgment of Condolences ..... Audrey White

Resolutions ..... Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. ..... Calvin Anderson

Obituary Reading ..... Read Silently to Soft Music

Musical Selection ..... "Open My Heart"..... Recorded by ..... Yolanda Adams

Poem or Tribute ..... Austin Thompson & Emma Clark

Expressions ..... Family, Friends and Associates

Musical Selection ..... "Going Up Yonder" ..... Lisa Hart

Special Tribute ..... Nii Quartelai Quartey

Musical Selection ..... IPC Praise Team

Eulogy ..... Pastor Paa Kwesi Aidoo

Viewing of the Beloved ..... Dan Scales' Staff, Directing

Recessional ..... Prepare for the Interment Procession

Repast to Follow: Willow Pass Community Center
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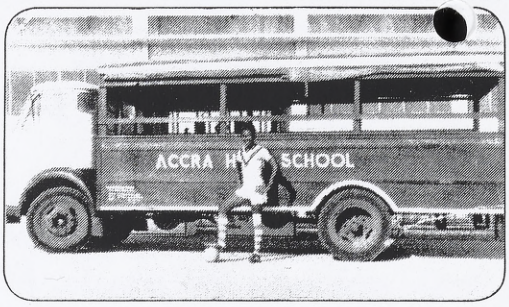
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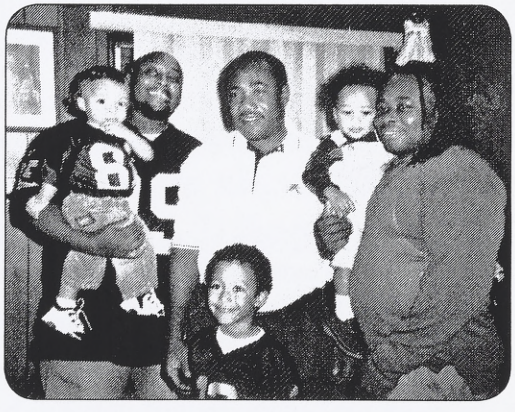

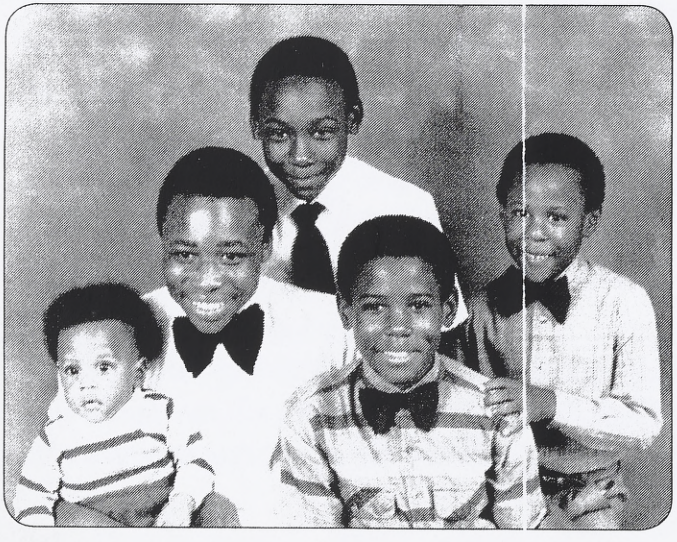

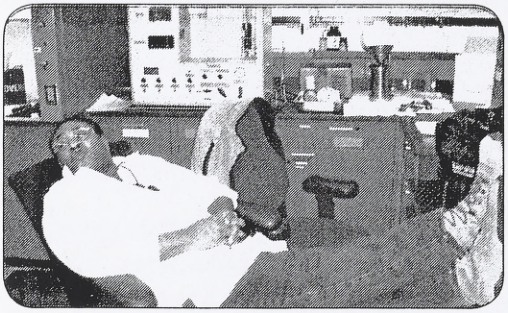

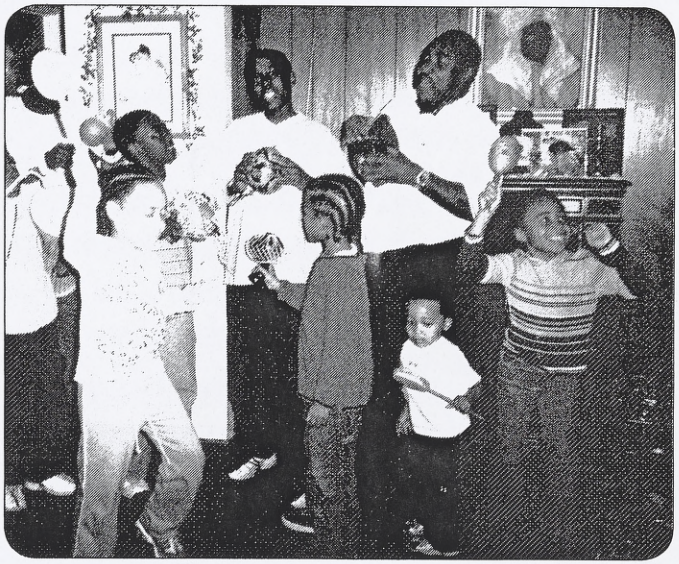

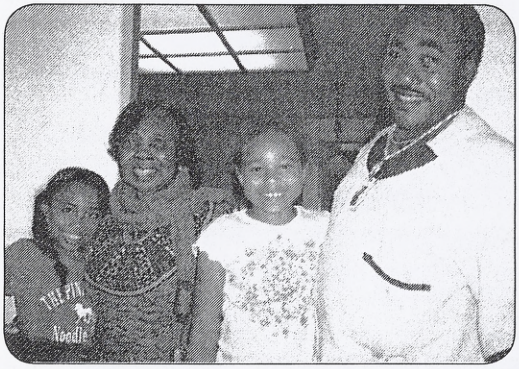

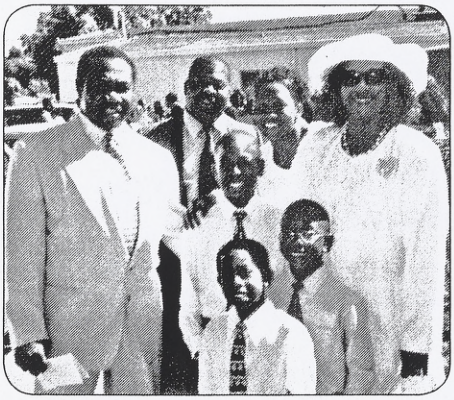

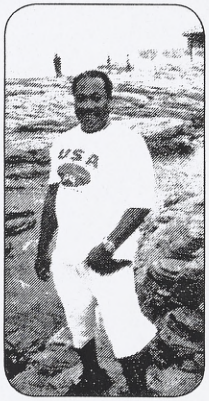
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Psalm 138

I will praise thee with my whole heart:
before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
I will worship toward thy holy temple,
and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth:
for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
In the day when I cried thou answeredst me,
and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise thee,
O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.
Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD:
for great is the glory of the LORD.
Though the LORD be high,
yet hath he respect unto the lowly:
but the proud he knoweth afar off.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
thou wilt revive me:
thou shalt stretch forth thine hand
against the wrath of mine enemies,
and thy right hand shall save me.
The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me:
thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever:
forsake not the works of thine own hands.

A Tribute to Joseph Quartey

This story allows us to remember our brother who was called suddenly on July 20 at age 56. One cannot imagine a more exciting life than the one our brother shared with us the last few days of his life.

Joe Quartey had been a member of International Pentecostal Church (IPC) since 2004. Although because of the demands of his job, he was unable to come to church every Sunday, he always found a ride for his mother to attend church services, and he attended church services on his weekend off. About a year ago, when it became necessary for IPC to look for a permanent place of worship, Joe enthusiastically volunteered to be part of the real estate committee of the church. In his spare time whenever he was off from work, he would go out searching for a place for the church to worship.

Sunday, July 16, 2006 was the last real estate committee meeting attended by Joe Quartey. At the committee meeting, he insisted that we had to complete the necessary documentation for the acquisition of the place of worship by Thursday, if not, we would not see him again. On Monday through Thursday following the meeting, Joe spent every day with the pastor of our church meeting with city officials, and planners to obtain approval for the floor plan for the IPC place of worship.

Proverbs 22:6 " Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it" Joe Quartey is a clear example of this verse. In his last days, he drew on his core values. These are values that had been instilled in him as a child. He labored for God. We believe God took him away to preserve the goodness of his heart. We have faith that his deeds in his last days of living will weigh heavily in the sight of God and will earn him a place in the bosom of the All Mighty.

We mourn today because God has suddenly taken him away from us. As men we have no understanding of what has happened except to see his departure as a loss. Brethren, we draw your attention to the infinite wisdom of God in Isaiah 57: 1-2;

"The righteous perishes, and no man takes it to heart;
Merciful men are taken away,
While no one considers that the righteous is taken away from evil.
He shall enter into peace;
They shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness"

Joe, rest in peace.
Members of International Pentecostal Church

Edited by Nii Quartelai Quartey

Active Pallbearers

Kwame Awuku

Mawuko Tugbenyoh

Raymond Atsutsa

Michael Martey

Benjamin Tugbenyoh

David White

Interment

Memory Gardens Memorial Park
2011 Arnold Industrial Way
Concord, California 94520

Acknowledgements

The Quartey family would like to sincerely thank all that loved, were encouraged, and inspired by our father, husband, uncle, and friend, Joseph K. Quartey. In this difficult transition for our family, we are strengthened by your prayers and support. In the words of our father, know that "tomorrow will be better."

Dan Scales

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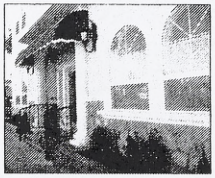

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